

TOO MUCH COKE FOR MARKET; PLANTS ARE SHUTTING DOWN.

Last Week's Run Resulted in an Increase in Stocks Throughout the Region, as Shipments Fell Off.

PRICE PACT STILL A FACTOR.

The Fifty Operators in the Agreement Stand by Their Guns, But Outside Influences Brought Out Some Cheaper Product—Furnace Ovens Running Steadily.

PRODUCTION.

For the week ending Saturday, January 29, 1909:

Districts	Ovens In	Out Tons.
C. C. Frick	24,510	14,532
L. C. Frick	13,353	9,642
Total	37,863	23,564

MANUFACTURED.

District	By	For	Market
C. C. Frick	117,714	44,679	55,430
L. C. Frick	85,730	70,856	0
Total	152,338	114,705	55,430

SPOTMENTS.

Aggregate from both regions in cars for the week ending January 29, 1909:

To Pittsburgh District..... 3,065

To Points West of Pittsburgh..... 1,035

Total 4,000

Previous Week.

To Pittsburgh District..... 3,497

To Points East of Connellsville..... 1,035

Total 4,532

(For complete tables of ovens in blast in both regions see pages 2 and 3.)

Aggregate production and shipments from both regions declined during the week. The decline in output was trifling being about 2,000 tons, as shown by the tables and estimates of The Weekly Courier. Shipments fell off in a more marked manner, the figures showing that upwards of 160 cars less went out of the two regions than in the preceding week. These figures agree with the estimates of railroads in the region who found that the amount of stock coke grew in an even greater proportion than these figures would indicate.

The general situation while not improved at the end of the week is not greatly changed. Operators are still unable to find a broad enough market to sell all the coke that is being made.

This is resulting in further curtailment in operations and some enter-

prises here and there, as operators find that in the competition for busi-

ness, when there is not enough to go around, somebody gets left each week with unmarketed coke on hand.

Hence it will be seen that the coke trade still waits upon a more general

revival of business and industry which will create a greater demand for fuel.

In the meantime ovens and plants are being banked and this movement has been setting in stronger during the past ten days than at any time since the current slackness. During the week ending last Saturday three plants were completely banked as follows:

Junction of the Marietta-Gaines Coal & Coke Company, with 20 ovens; Sa-

uer of Hardins & Byrne, with 26 ovens;

Shirey of the South Fayette Coal & Coke Company, with 36 ovens. In addition to these, two other plants which operated all of last week were closed indefinitely last Saturday, these being the Perry of the Perry Coal Company, with 30 ovens and La Belle of the La Belle Coke Company which closed down the 100 ovens that had been in operation. In addition to the above 94 more ovens were left cold on Monday when operations began at the Shamrock plant of the Fayette Coal Company, and this plant which had 200 ovens in operation last week is now running but 104 ovens. Other decreases in operations during the past week were as follows: Orient plant of the Orient Coke Company, 400 to 320 ovens; Dorothea plant of the Iron City Coal & Coke Company, 30 to 20 ovens; Bourne plant of the Wharton Furnace Company, 44 to 32 ovens.

The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

New business in steel products has perhaps shown a slight increase in the past week, but not enough to meet the great need of last October at the time of the panic.

The market for coke in the public this week show a production in the second half of last year of about

9,000,000 tons against a total of

7,000,000 tons in the first half, or a total of 16,000,000 tons for the year.

The production rate in December

and January 1 was in excess of 20,000,000 tons a year.

It is doubtful whether the production in the

present half-year will show much change from the output of the second half of last year, although the output in the first half of last year can easily be exceeded.

Nothing of special significance has

developed with respect to the future of steel prices.

The opinion continues to

prevail in some quarters that a material reduction will be necessary sometime,

and there is discussion as to what time

would be the best time.

In some quarters the opinion is

that a reduction in the tariff would

be a good idea.

It is worth noting that while at intervals last year

there were official utterances as to the

desirability of increasing steel prices,

there has been little talk from those quarters in the past few weeks.

The Pittsburgh pig iron market has

developed a little further weakness, a

state of second quarter foundry iron

being made at over \$100,000 delivered.

Following are freight rates on coke

per ton of 2,000 pounds in car load

lots from the Connellsville and Lower

Connellsville regions:

Boston	\$2.50
Buffalo	1.90
Baltimore	2.15
Cleveland	1.85
Columbus	1.85
Cincinnati	2.10
Chicago	2.65
East St. Louis	2.80
Hamilton, Ont.	2.20
Joliet	2.00
Kentucky	2.55
New York	.80
Pittsburgh	2.15
Richmond, Va.	3.05
Toledo	2.25
Valley Furnaces	1.35

SIX MILES MORE.

Short Line Will Make Ellsworth Bed

Line—P. R. R. May Build Soon.

BROWNSVILLE. Jan. 29.—Many ob-

servers think next Summer will see

the Ten Mile creek branch of the P.

R. R. extended to Zollarsville. The

road now reaches the Bessemer works

six miles more of road bed will make

a junction with the Ellsworth branch

running from Monongahela. It is

through a hilly section where build-

ing will be expensive but that is the

railroad method now, build well for

the future.

Joseph Smith's line, No. 156 runs

up Ten Mile to Brownsville now and

the travel up and down the river from

Rices Landing and other points is

heavy even greater than was antici-

pated.

When the Ten Mile section is com-

pleted it will make a belt through

West Brownsville Monongahela and

Ellsworth. It can be set down now

that the bulk of Washington and

Greene county coal and coke will

come through West Brownsville.

The grade on the Ellsworth branch to

Monongahela is too heavy to make it

a strong traffic route when the coal

trade from that big region gets into

its full stride and besides the old

Ellsworth branch isn't fit for big bus-

iness.

The Frick plants will remain;

SILLY RUMORS ARE DENIED.

WORK STOPPED....

THAT NEVER BEGAN.

Ovens Will Be Built at New Frick

Plants, As Planned, In The

Spring.

A wild-eyed report published in Un-

iontown last Saturday to the purport

that the H. C. Frick Coke Company

had called off work on its four new

plants in the Lower Connellsville re-

gion because the Steel Corporation

had decided to build by-product ovens

at the Gary, Ind., steel works and

would therefore need no more new

ovens in Fayette county caused much

amusement and some indignation

throughout the Connellsville region,

among well-posted persons.

At the general office of the H. C.

Frick Coke Company at Sootdale,

General Superintendent W. H. Cline-

erman said: "The company, so far as

I know, has made no change in its

plans at any of the four plants. The

Gary, Ind., steel works and

center a series of new by-product

plants at Gary, Ind.

Officials of the Steel Corporation

quoted both Judge Gary and C. M.

Schwab, in their recent testimony

before the Interstate Commerce Com-

mission, as proof that while the Steel

Corporation might be experimenting

with the Illinois and Indiana coals

with a view to utilizing it in by-prod-

ucts in that section there was no in-

tent of installing by-product plants

for the production of the Connellsville

iron and steel situation remains

practically without change.

The country is still waiting for the

action of Congress on the tariff.

There is a striking change in busi-

ness. As far as the ovens are con-

cerned, work is entirely suspended."

It may be remarked that so far as the

ovens are concerned work was never

begun. Work has been entirely con-

fined to sinking shafts into the coal,

building houses, stores and offices.

No work on ovens will begin until

spring.

RAINEY INTERESTS FIRE ROYAL PLANT.

First Unit of Big New Works in Lower Region Now in Partial Operation.

TO BE FINISHED THIS YEAR.

Development of the Coal is Being Pushed to Make Ready for Charging 800 Ovens During Summer Other Late Coke News

A new plant was added to the list of producers in the Lower region yesterday when a portion of the new ovens of the W. I. Rainey interests at Royal were fired. This is the newest operation of that concern and to date 155 ovens have been completed. The plans are for four banks of 200 rectangular ovens each, which will burn mechanical with the push machine. The balance of the total of 800 ovens will be finished this summer.

The coal at Royal is reached by shaft and only a portion of the completed ovens will be charged for the present as the coal has not yet sufficiently developed to produce the tonnage for all the ovens. This work is now being pushed rapidly and it is hoped to have the entire plant completed and in operation some time this year. The plant is located on the Confluence branch of the Monongahela railway about halfway between Grindstone and Brer Hill.

At the new Royal works a coal storage bin of concrete has been built to contain 3,000 tons of coal. A battery of Ruth boilers has been installed to develop 1,000 horse power for the operation of the plant. The house engine and the two drums one eight and the other ten feet in diameter were built by the Connellsville Manufacturing & Mine Supply Company. The fan for the mine was constructed by the same company. It is a monster 60 feet in diameter and requires a 200 horse power engine for its operation. An auxiliary engine has also been built for use in emergencies.

The Majestic Coke Company this week fired 20 ovens at the old Empire plant at Tarr's on the Sewickley branch of the Pennsy and will produce crushed coke.

Connellsville towns announced that the Spring Grove plant of the Cochran Bros. had been placed in operation. This is true but the fact is that the Spring Grove plant has been in operation for several weeks as noted in the regular report of The Weekly Courier. The management has secured orders which insure a steady run.

The annual meeting of the Connellsville Coke Company took place at Uniontown on Tuesday afternoon and the following officers were re-elected: President W. C. Magee, Vice President and General Manager George Whel Belser, and Treasurer J. W. Sennas. The old board was reelected.

At the same time the annual meeting of the Southern Supply Company was held and the board again organized by electing George Whel President, J. W. Sennas Secretary and Treasurer and W. S. Simpson General Manager.

VIRGINIAN OPENED

Big New Coal Road to Tidewater Carries Its First Train

The new Virginia Railway line opening vast tracts of coal and coke has run its first train over the entire line from Norfolk, Va., to Deepwater, W. Va., on the Kanawha River, 442 miles, the large bridge over the New River having been just completed. A report from Norfolk where the head-quarters of the company are located says it is expected to operate through coal trains in a few days but it is not intended to establish through passenger service until the track is in smoother condition.

This is the line built by Henry H. Rogers of New York for hauling to a tidewater port of many coal mines. The company is now constructing a branch 24 miles long from Mullens to Pemberton, W. Va., and along it coal mines will be opened. The road is not able because of its easy grades against loaded trains.

GATUN DAM SOLID

So Report After Making Rigid Examination.

Panama, Feb. 1.—The engineers who accompanied President-elect Taft to the isthmus and who have been examining the canal construction spent several hours at Gatun with the chief engineer of the canal Lieutenant Colonel Goethals.

After close investigation they had no fail to find with the natural foundations for the dam and they regarded the plans for safeguarding the dam as being complete in every respect. They will make a report to President Roosevelt and it is understood will refute the criticisms that have been made with regard to the dam and its construction. They inspected Culebra cut today.

B & O Doctor Meet

The physicians employed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad on the Connellsville division 26 in all will gather in the Medical Examiner's office here March 17 in a social session. An organization of the railroad physicians may be effected.

NEW TAX BILLS ARE INTRODUCED.

It is Proposed to Assess Corporation Stocks at Double Present Values

Harrisburg Feb. 2.—Three new tax bills were presented by Representative A. W. Denison of Warren. They provide for doubling of the tax on all corporation stocks, common, special and preferred, which are not taxed at the rate of five mills. He also proposes to include in this taxation all corporations engaged in manufacturing which are now exempt.

The revenue so raised is to be distributed for school and road purposes.

The state is to pay the minimum salary for the minimum term for all school teachers and to give each town ship fifty cents for every dollar of tax raised for maintenance of a dirt road.

A joint resolution creating a commission to revise the election laws of Pennsylvania, including primary and registration laws, was introduced in the senate by Mr. John M. Philadelphus and referred to the elections committee. The commission shall be composed of five members not more than three of whom shall be of the same political party and two of whom shall be lawyers. The commissioners shall be appointed by the governor and shall serve without compensation. The resolution carries an appropriation of \$10,000 for expenses of the commission which shall report to the next legislature.

Two More Pension Bills

Mr. Herbert of Berks presented a bill abolishing the present separate state medical examining boards and requiring all applicants for licenses to practice medicine in Pennsylvania to pass an examination before a single board composed of eight qualified physicians. The bill was prepared by the Pennsylvania medical society.

Two more soldiers pension bills appeared in the house making the total number of such measures five so far this session. One of the pension bills is that endorsed by the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and was read by William Stuart Reburn of Philadelphia. It provides for a pension of \$6 per month and carries \$2,700,000 per year the money to be disbursed under direction of a state commission to be named by the governor.

The other pension bill was read in place by Mr. Fair Westmoreland and is different from any of the bills yet presented. It provides that every man who enlisted for ninety days or more no matter where discharged shall be eligible for a pension. Men aged between sixty and seventy years are to get \$1 a month between seventy and seventy-five \$6 and over seventy-five \$10. Men who are inmates of a soldiers' home for all or a majority of a quarter and have wives or dependent children are to receive one third of the pension.

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Plans Being Made For Development of 1,000 Acres of Coal Land Purchased From J. V. Thompson

Washington, Pa., Feb. 3.—A new coke company has been organized by Pittsburgh men that is to be known as the Western Coke Company and plans for developing 1,000 acres of coking coal lands in Greene county are under way which will be followed by the building of a new coke plant. The company was organized with an initial capital of \$1,000 and the Directors include Charles McGehee, President of the National Bank of Western Pennsylvania who will be Treasurer, R. H. Davis, George H. Grinnell and John Boileau who will form the Board of Directors. The company has purchased the land from Josiah V. Thompson of Uniontown. It is in its season and the townships close to the Ten Mile Creek valley in which are some of the more important coke and coal deposits of this new field. The company is said, will arrange for the building of a battery of ovens near its property the Bessemer Coke Company has just completed and started 600 ovens on a new tract of land and several larger companies are arranging to start building operations there.

WANTS DAMAGES FOR INJURY IN WRECK

Republican Woman Says She Was Badly Hurt When Car Jumped the Track

Uniontown, Feb. 3.—Catherine McNulty and Peter McNulty her husband both of Republican have entered suit for \$2,000 damages against the West Penn Railroad Company.

Mrs. McNulty was in a car running from Uniontown to Uniontown on October 17 last when it was derailed striking a high tension pole. Mrs. McNulty claims to have been seriously injured both externally and internally for which she seeks redress.

The husband seeks compensation for his wife's services.

Wants Agents Removed

Uniontown, Feb. 3.—Superintendent William Goodfellow at Smock has petitioned the court or the removal of Anton Link agent and Dr. Joe Boesk and William Moore of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company violation of the rules being charged

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An ad in The Weekly Courier may seal your coal load or property.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Jan. 30, 1909.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
12	12	Armen	W. J. Rasmussen	New York N. Y.
15	15	Adelaide	Penn Coke Co.	Unterweltz
16	16	Alverson No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
17	17	Alverson No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
18	18	Atlas No. 1	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar
19	19	Autralia	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	20	Bethany	M. P. Phoenix Coke Co.	Greenberg
21	21	Bethany	M. P. Phoenix Coke Co.	Upperown
22	22	Birch	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
23	23	Birchmore	W. J. Rasmussen	Greensburg
24	24	Boyer	M. P. Phoenix Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	25	Bridgeton	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
26	26	Brown Run	H. C. Frick Coke Company	M. P. Phoenix
27	27	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
28	28	Carben	Reynolds and M. P. Phoenix	Connellsville
29	29	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	30	Chester	S. A. Humphreys & Co.	Scottsdale
31	31	Chestnut	J. H. Stauffer & Co.	Monaca
32	32	Chestnut	J. H. Stauffer & Co.	Pittsburg
33	33	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	34	Dexter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
35	35	Diamond	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
36	36	Dunn	Dunn-Cornellville Coke Co.	Brownsburg
37	37	Dunn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Uniontown
38	38	Elizabethtown	J. H. Stauffer & Co.	Greensburg
39	39	Elizabeth	W. J. Rasmussen	New York N. Y.
40	40	Elliot	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
41	41	Elliot	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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47	47	Elliot	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
48	48	Elliot	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
49	49	Fairmont	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	50	Fay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
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MODEL COKE WORKS WILL START WORK FEBRUARY 15.

Mt. Pleasant Coke Company Has a Fine Operation on the Thaw Farm Near Hecla.

Mine Equipment Is of the Latest and Most Improved—Electricity to Be Used in the Operation of the Plant.

MT. PLEASANT. Jan. 29.—The model coal and coke works of this section is now under construction on the famous Thaw farm, about four miles north of town and about one mile on this side of Hecla.

The Mt. Pleasant Coal & Coke Co. have leased the farm consisting of 100 acres of the famous Connellsville coking coal and the vein at this point is nine feet thick.

The tipple that has already been erected by the coal company is modern and up to date in every respect. It is 100 feet high and is of a solid steel structure incased with thin sheet steel that makes it strictly fire-proof and is believed to be indestructible.

The coal bins have a capacity of 1,000 bushels. The improved screens are used for the purpose of separating the slack from the lump coal to be used in making coke. Eight lorries can be loaded at once from the bins. The motive power used about the works will be electricity the latest model of the Westinghouse dynamo is used. It is a 250-horsepower concern.

There are only 100 ovens built at the present time but more will be added at different times till they have 500 ovens built. The ovens are of the latest pattern and 50 of them are connected with the smoke control.

As soon as the coal is put into the openings at the top of the ovens they automatically close, thus saving a large amount of fuel each year. And then what is left of the smoke goes out of the smoke stack located at the foot of the ovens and which is 120 feet high. The boilers are of the improved smoke consuming pattern and are the only ones in this country.

The water is supplied by a steel conduit and every 30 feet an opening is made for use as fire protection. Their water is secured from their own dam that has a capacity of 100,000 barrels of water. The pump installed in the boiler house is capable of pumping 100 gallons per minute.

The cages are improved self-dumping. The shaft is 23½ feet deep and the rooms are about 100 feet square. There are three headings, one extending east, one north, and one west, and each one is about 500 yards long. The main shaft is connected with the auxiliary shaft, which is to be used exclusively for the lowering and lifting of men, by a single cage. Upon this poster and such supplies that are needed in the mine will be lowered. The fan is of the improved Wilkes-Barre patent and was made especially for the company. It fans 1,000 feet of air per minute and excludes all impurities from the mine air so as there will not be an explosion from the after damp.

The cables that wind over the buckeye improved drums are so constructed that either one cable can be used independent of the other or so that they can work simultaneously. It is to be the thickest used on any of the mines in this part of the coke region and was especially made for the Mt. Pleasant Coal & Coke Company and is supposed to last for 40 years. The time which the coal and coke company have to mine the coal which they have leased from the Thaw estate and they are under obligations to ship 75 cars of coal a day and 50 cars of coke, or forfeit \$100 a day after they start running. This will ensure steady work for the men employed.

A branch of the Pennsylvania railroad has been put in and this will be used in shipping their coal and coke.

H. E. Stark & Company of Greensburg, have the contract for erecting 100 houses which will be of brick and a decided improvement upon the usual coal company houses around the coke region.

There are 10 houses of the double style erected at the present time. Each house has eight rooms and are used by two families. They are all of brick and of a pretty design. They are well furnished inside and each room has electric light and a fireplace. They will get their electric light from the West Penn Lighting Company feed wires at Hecla. And another improvement on the company houses is that pure well water is run into each house instead of one by drain out in the road for about ten families.

There will be 40 more double houses erected in the near future. And the streets in front of the houses will all be macadamized.

The West Penn is contemplating running a branch of the all ready extensive railway system into the place. This will greatly improve the value of the plant. The line will come by the way of Hecla. There will be about 150 men employed at the start and more will be employed as the plant is enlarged and the ovens are built.

And it is understood that the majority of the men employed will be Americans, thus having the mine work scientific. The latest models of machinery will be installed in the mine. There will be no company

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Sent By Governor Stuart to the State Senate on Mine Cave-ins.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 28.—Governor Stuart sent to the senate a special message relative to "care-in" in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania.

The message, together with a bill introduced by Mr. Blewtz of Lackawanna authorizing the governor to appoint a commission of nine to investigate the cause of these accidents and report to the legislature, was referred to the committee on mines and mining.

The bill carries an appropriation of \$6,000 for the expenses of the commission, which is authorized to ascertain the legal rights of the owners of the surface and the coal beneath the surface and report what precaution in the mining of coal is necessary to support the surface. It is also authorized to prepare such legislation as will protect the welfare and interests of the owners of the coal and surface.

A large number of bills were introduced in the senate and a number of others read the first time and then sent back to committee for further consideration, after which a recess was taken until 9 p. m. next Monday.

Copies of the public school code prepared by a commission created by the last legislature were presented by Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer in both branches of the Pennsylvania legislature. In the house the proposed act was referred to the committee on education.

A bill increasing capital stock tax from five to ten mills and providing that one-half of the revenue derived from this source shall be paid by the state to the counties for the relief of local taxation was introduced in the senate by Mr. Dunsmore of Tioga. Mr. Dunsmore also introduced a bill creating a state tax commission to revise the tax laws. The commission is to consist of fifteen members to be appointed by the governor and is to report to the next legislature. The bill carries an appropriation of \$10,000 for the payment of the expenses of the proposed commission.

RATES TO LAKE PORTS UNDER ANNUAL DEBATE

Pittsburgh Operators Complain of Fairmont Schedule Affecting Northwest Business.

Preliminary to the meeting today at the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburgh, of the Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Coal Traffic Association, which makes coal rates between the Pittsburgh field and Lake Erie ports, the Pittsburgh operators met Tuesday at the Schenley with the railroad officials and presented their arguments for a readjustment.

The cargo rate from the Pittsburgh field on coal is 88 cents, with a haul averaging 160 miles, while the rate from the Fairmont fields is 97 cents and the distance is about 250 miles—and the same rate applies to points farther south in West Virginia. This Pittsburgh men contend has affected their business in the Northwest.

Another argument is that the cost of production on account of organized labor in the Pittsburgh field is considerably greater than in West Virginia.

The coal operators refuse to make public the rates they ask. While rumors have been afloat that unless a more equitable adjustment can be had an appeal would be made to the Interstate Commerce Commission for relief, the operators deny originating them. This is the annual meeting to settle rates for the lake season.

HOLSOOPPLE MINE BURNING.

Haws Coal Company Has Suspended Operation at Its Plant.

As a result of a mine catching fire from an unknown cause on Saturday at the shaft owned by the Haws Coal Company at Holsoopple, has been temporarily suspended. While workers were fighting the flames a cave in occurred in which Superintendent W. D. McCausland of Johnstown, was caught and received a number of painful injuries. A large force of men were immediately put to work clearing up the debris that operations may be resumed as soon as possible.

There are several theories advanced as to the probable cause of the blaze, but it is generally thought that a miner's lamp accidentally set fire to some clothing hanging on the wall. The fire was discovered when smoke was seen coming from the shaft. The fire originated at the bottom of the shaft which is at the bottom of the shaft.

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LIST OF COKE OVENS IN The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Jan. 30, 1909.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operator	P. O. Address
40	—	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
—	—	Amelia	Amelia & coke Co.	Uniontown
138	120	Atchison	Republ. Iron & Steel Co.	Gans
—	—	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
47	38	Bethel Hill	Brownie Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Brownie	Brownie Coke Co.	Brownie
428	374	Buckingham	Buckingham Coke Co.	Smithfield
16	16	Burnside	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
230	182	Fairbank	Jas. Barr & Co.	Scottfield
202	162	Faylor	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
40	40	Farmer	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
24	24	Colfman	Colfman	Pittsburgh
150	150	Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
20	20	Colonial No. 2	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
156	156	Colonial No. 3	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
302	182	Colonial No. 4	Colonial Coke Co.	Connellsville
120	70	Crystal	Sackett Coke & Coke Co.	Smithfield
250	200	Dearb	E. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
228	228	Diamond	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
182	182	Donald No. 2	Iron City Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
—	44	Dorothy	Jacobs Creek Coke Co.	Uniontown
—	—	E. C. Frick	E. C. Frick Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
500	388	Edenber	Edenber	Pittsburgh
149	119	Elkins	Walterding Coke Co.	Uniontown
—	—	Elkton	Elkton Coke & Coke Co.	Uniontown
82	82	Emery	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
470	290	Fordale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
—	—	Fraud	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
29	29	Fruit	Dunlap-CConnellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
31	18	Garwood	Garwood	Pittsburgh
49	49	General	General Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
136	136	Gen. Phos.	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
136	136	Marlin	McGraw Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
103	103	McClure	Millersburg Coke Co.	Millersburg
103	103	Murphy	Edward Coal & Coke Co.	Star Junction
92	92	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Newcomer
482	320	Orient	Orient Coke Co.	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Fulton Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
182	182	Parshall No. 2	Fulton Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
50	50	Perry	Perry Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburgh
72	72	Plumer	Plumer	Pittsburgh
40	28	Repton	Renton Coke Co.	Uniontown
120	120	Repton Hill	Repton Hill Coke Co.	Repton Hill
120	120	Repton Hill No. 2	Repton Hill Coke Co.	Repton Hill
169	12	Virginia	Consolidated Cville Coke & Coke Co.	Uniontown
600	140	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Lawson
244	244	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Lawson

MINERS DEFEAT

TARIFF DEMAND.

Vote Down Resolution Asking for Duty on Coal.

NO CHARITY IN

T. C. & I. DEAL.

Steel Corporation Says Schley Wanted Control.

EXPLOSIVE QUESTION IS AIRED

INVESTMENT WAS PROFITABLE

President Feehan of Pittsburg District Charges National Board With Having Ignored His Request for Hearing.

Member of Wall Street Firm Testifies To This Effect Before Senate Committee Investigating Legality of President's Action.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—Criticizing the political trend of the convention of the United Mineworkers of America, James Mooney of Missouri, a member of the national executive board of the organization, in a speech opposing the resolution protesting to congress against a repeal of the tariff on coal, said:

"The other day you committed this convention to Populism when you recommended the issue of currency instead of bonds for payment of the expense of deepening waterways. Now you have committed it to Socialism by adopting a resolution declaring for public ownership of public utilities. If you protest against the removal of the duty on coal you commit us to Republicanism, and if this happens I shall introduce something that shall commit you to Bryanism."

The tariff resolution was intended as a measure of local protection of miners of the northwest and several of their representatives spoke for it. Many other speeches were made against the convention's taking any action in the matter of tariff revision, the reason being given that its international character should forbid its taking part in tariff adjustment that might injure some of its members while it benefited others. The resolution was defeated.

A dispute arose in the course of discussion of the use of a new high explosive called corundite, or manganite, in the coal mines.

President Feehan of the Pittsburgh district charged that he had been informed by the national executive board when he had asked to be notified of the next meeting so that he might present the danger of the use of the new explosives. It was intimated that the question was an acute one and that strike might result if an early solution of the problem was not arrived at.

A resolution will be adopted advocating woman suffrage and calling upon congress to pass an amendment to the constitution "to be submitted to the legislatures of the several states for ratification, prohibiting the disfranchisement of United States citizens on account of sex."

Court Orders Recount.

Upon petition of electors the Westmoreland court has ordered a recount of the vote cast in the United district, Mount Pleasant township, last Saturday. It is claimed the names of Republican candidates were written on the Democratic ballot and vice versa and that the votes were combined by the election officers in making their return to the County Commissioners.

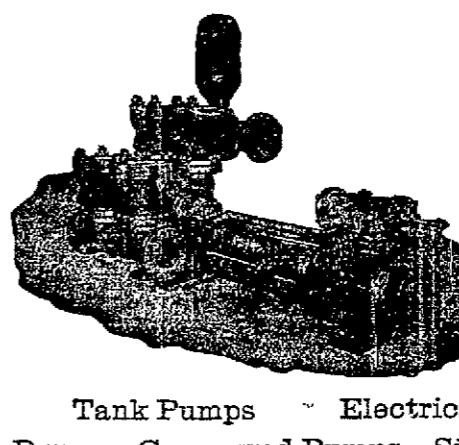
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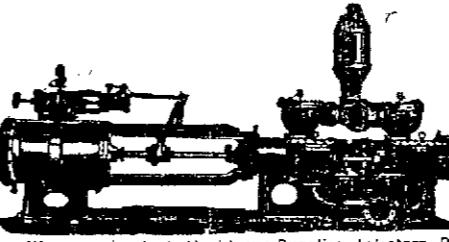
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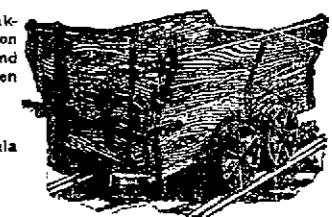
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**REVISION OF MINING METHODS
MUST BEGIN AT THE ROOT.**

The discussion of our mining methods with a view to their improvement seems to be leading to some definite results. From three different sources came articles by practical coal mining men, which were printed in the last issue of *The Weekly Courier*. All read the same conclusions with regard to American mining practice.

And in every case the remedy suggested is so simple and so self-evident that there can be no contention as to the principle. It is simply this:

"First of all, we must prevent, or at least minimize, the single or isolated accidents by which, day after day, and year after year, 65 per cent of all men killed in America lose their lives, and we will at the same time prevent many other accidents, and make them a rarity."

This proposition is a self-evident truth. Within recent months mining men in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and other of the older coal mining States have begun to see a new light. The flood of discussion which has rolled over the country in the wake of the more recent mine disasters has not been in vain. It is bringing forth some sane and sensible ideas. Here and there in the chaos of indiscriminate talk important points are coming to the surface, and no more important principle has yet been announced than in the special articles printed in these columns whose keynote was the prevention of small accidents as a step to the prevention of larger ones. As the writer of that article says, what is more natural than the terrible disaster which comes periodically when it has such a fine breeding ground as dozens of small casualties and fatalities from day to day? Indeed the wonder is, that under such conditions, the great disasters are even not more frequent.

Our expert makes the further telling point that now is the time for all mining men to be on guard and to revise old methods, because we are entering upon a new period in American coal mining. Every day operating concerns are opening new and deeper seams of coal, thus being necessitated by the exhaustion of the rich surface veins. In the Connellsville region more and more of the deeper coals are being opened and mined, bringing the men in the pit in contact with new and strange conditions and in conflict with untried and unknown forces. It is no wonder that our mining men are turning to the deep mines of European countries for help and guidance.

The United States has some very excellent examples of mining concerns whose practise is as careful and whose discipline is as rigid as any in the old world, but even these are not too proud to learn a lesson, as is shown by the action of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in sending four of its best engineers to study trans-Atlantic methods.

**COAL MINE EXPLOSIONS
AND FOOL PROPHECIES:**

Actual mine explosions are bad enough when they happen without any fool predicting them when they don't happen.

The mine explosion in the Greensburg field was remarkable for several things, particularly because of the small number of fatalities and the high reputation of the mine for freedom from gas. The explosion demonstrates the fact that no coal mine in this section can be trusted to remain ever free from gas or from danger, it also proves that all mine explosions are not agents of wholesale destruction.

The experience of the Hazel mines indicates the extent to which the minds of those who work underground have been terrorized by recent mine disasters, and how their fears may be worked upon by ignorant and foolish prophecies. The authors of these rumors should be punished, and if there is no statute providing such punishment the Legislature should enact one. It is probable, however, that the ridiculous character of these evil croakings will become so apparent that they will be hushed forth undeceived.

In the meantime it should be the first duty of miners and operators to safeguard the mines by eternal vigilance and every known appliance and practise calculated to promote that end.

**BY-PRODUCT COOKING
NOT AN ALARMING IDEA;**

The announcement that the United States Steel Corporation proposes to cease the construction of any more blast furnaces in the Connellsville region, and, after the exhaustion of the coal at its present coking plants, to confine its future coking operations to by-product plants, located at its grise

cipal furnaces and mills, may be received with alarm.

By-product coking is in the line of conservation, but the question to be determined is a commercial one. It remains to be shown whether the value of the by-products so produced is greater than the increased cost of coke incident to the transportation of coal long distances.

The only reason for the establishment of coking plants at the base of coal supplies is that the manufactured product loses a large percentage of its weight in the process of coking, and the transportation of the same is correspondingly cheaper than that of the raw material.

It is hardly probable that work on the coking plants of the H. C. Frick Coke Company in the Connellsville region will be abandoned no matter what the future policy of the United States Steel Corporation may be as to coke manufacturing.

In any event the results to the Connellsville region's commercial interests will not be serious. The oven now here will be kept in service so long as the coal lasts, and in the Connellsville region proper they will themselves exhaust all the coal.

There is another reason why the by-product proposition will have little effect upon the business of this section, and that is the fact that many of the coke plants, and especially the new plants, are being equipped with the mechanical coke drawer and loader, thus dispensing with practically all the yard force.

Whether the process of coking is partially abandoned in the regions or not will, therefore, make no appreciable difference in the employment of labor here, so that nothing in the by-product plans of the United States Steel Corporation which need give the business interests of the Connellsville region any cause for alarm.

**THE BLOATED OCTOPUSES
AND THE LITTLE TADPOLES.**

The Legislature proposes to double the tax on corporations. The proposition will appeal to the general public at first blush, but thorough consideration will discover some just objections to it.

Corporations, which are only one form of partnerships, have been restored to as a matter of convenience by a majority of the Pennsylvania people not separately engaged in business. The popular definition of a corporation is a fair mark for legislative despoilation; yet as a matter of fact the greater portion of Pennsylvania corporations are small business concerns which only a few years ago were business partnerships.

Many of these make little profit, and few of them more than a legitimate profit. In the pursuit of the big and bloated octopuses, the little tadpoles are in danger of being ruthlessly crushed.

**THEpeculiar consistency
WHICH IS NOT A VIRTUE.**

Our estimable and esteemed contemporary, the Johnstown Democrat, has two particular hobbies, namely, the worship of Bryanism and the denunciation of the State Constabulary. The Democrat says we have referred to it as being "imaginative and impulsive, impudent and impulsive." If so, we will not take it back; but, on the other hand, we will add that The Democrat is at times evasive and elusive.

The Democrat says consistency is a virtue, and that is not to be criticized for sticking to its opposition to the Cossacks. The Democrat and its great exemplar, William Jennings Bryan, are bright and shining examples of that peculiar consistency which consists in making a mistake and sticking to it. This particular variety of adhesive consistency is far from being a virtue, though not quite as bad as telling a lie and sticking to it.

The Democrat admits that the personal character and public services of the Cossacks have been beyond reproach, but it insists that the principle is radically wrong, and that it undermines our institutions. It says:

"I would be the last that contended that the Cossacks has not done good to the men. It has not been based on any ground of inefficiency. It has been directed solely against the idea of them. It is that which is fundamentally objectionable. It is that which could argue the people of this State to the damage that lurks in the very efficiency of this armed force operating under military discipline."

The Cossacks of Russia are thoroughly evil, even the most ardent, patriotic Sunday school on the Wissahickon project proved that they could do in the way of "maintaining order." The work at other times and other places has attested their value as adjuncts of the army, justice as it is now done by the Cossacks, but we say that The Courier will hardly venture to applaud the Cossacks of Russia.

The attempt of The Democrat to confuse its readers and create the impression that all Cossacks are alike, and all alike championed by this paper, is sincere only in its shyness. The Courier does not defend the Russian Cossacks, personally or politically. They are the representatives of an autocratic government; they know no law but the will of the Czar; if duty means murder moral scruples are submerged. The State Constabulary of Pennsylvania, on the other hand, are the conservators of peace and order and justice under a free government; they are the protectors of the people in all their lawful rights, never their lawless oppressors, and we fancy that not even The Democrat will dare assert otherwise.

The Democrat says the Cossacks are "fundamentally objectionable," it does not clearly explain just what it means by the term, but there is reason to suspect that the chief Democratic objection is that which naturally emanates from a Party of Opposition.

**STOP THE PETTY GRAFT
OF PETTY PERSECUTION.**

It is proposed to make the present session of the State Legislature, a short one, but if serious consideration is given to the flood of bills now pouring into the two houses there will have to be hard work on the part of the legislators or a change in the plans for a short session.

Some of the laws proposed are good, some bad and many indifferent. The members of the General Assembly will in many instances serve their constituents quite as well by eliminating as by constructive legislation. For example, the antiquated Blue Laws should be abolished and something modern substituted. The enforcement of these laws in this section of the State, and doubtless in every other section, has every appearance of having become a matter of commercialism rather than of morals.

The Small Towns are promising

to be held in check by the payment of taxes.

Whitewash is a good thing for fences and barns and sometimes for cellars, but it never made a very good covering for moral guilt.

The small and weak deserve protection, but the public also deserves protection against anything which savors of extortion.

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FINE RECORD MADE IN 1908 BY STATE CONSTABLES HERE.

Over 90 Per Cent. of Arrests Made by Them in Fayette County Resulted in Convictions.

MANY FINES ARE COLLECTED.

During the Year 287 Arrests Were Made and Only 27 Prisoners Were Acquitted—Entire Troop Made 1,100 Arrests in District.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 29.—The report of Troop A of the State Constabulary, stationed at Greensburg, has been completed and will be filed at Harrisburg within the next few days. The showing of the troopers' station in Fayette county during 1908 was excellent and of the arrests that were made over 90 per cent. resulted in convictions.

Troop A, with 52 men and two officers, made 1,100 arrests in its district. The fines assessed amounted to \$8,017, \$7,540 being collected.

The Fayette county details made 287 arrests. Of these 27 were acquitted, 15 are now in jail awaiting trial and the rest were convicted. Fines to the amount of \$2,413.12 were assessed, of which \$2,200.12 were paid. Of the costs \$66.22 was collected of the \$19.56 which were taxed.

There were 64 different charges made, covering practically every degree of crime. During the year only one trooper was injured on duty. Sergeant Paul S. Stout having been shot through the face at Republic on March 16 while assisting in the arrest of F. J. Christner.

Ten men are now stationed in Fayette county but this number has varied during the past year. Of the present detail four are at Brownsville; three at Masontown and three at Dunbar.

The members of the State Constabulary have created a good impression in this section and the annual report bears out the contention that they are performing excellent service.

TWO DEAD IN MINE EXPLOSION.

Three Hundred Workmen Narrowly Escaped Death in Colliery at Madison.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 30.—Three hundred miners miraculously escaped death in an explosion of coal dust at the Sevickley mine of the Keystone Coal & Coke Company at Madison yesterday when two men were killed. The damage to the workings will not exceed \$150. Mine officials concede it is remarkable that the explosion was confined to but two rooms. An inspection shortly after the explosion revealed not a trace of gas. The dead men are: Almon Carnahan, aged 21, leaves a widow and child, and Paul Broza, aged 23.

Carnahan, who was in room No. 5 off the west main entry, north, a mile and a half from the mine entrance, is supposed to have loaded a car with slate and while waiting for it to be taken out, fired a shot. The shot, it is believed, ignited dust which had been raised when he loaded slate. Neither he nor Broza, who was in room No. 4, is thought to have been killed by the explosion. Their bodies were not marked and each gives evidence of having been suffocated by fire damp.

The detonation felt throughout the mine caused other miners to rush to the surface. Fire bosses went into the mine and brought out the two bodies. They pronounced the mine safe and later the night shift went to work as usual. General Superintendent Harry F. Boval of Greensburg said the mine had always been free from gas and that the explosion was the result of a shot being fired before the dust in a room had been allowed sufficient time to settle.

PRISONERS TURNED AWAY.

Westmoreland County Commissioners Refuse to Pay Jail Bills.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—Until the courts of Westmoreland county fix the amount to be charged, the county commissioners will refuse payment of bills from Sheriff John E. Stetels, for maintaining county prisoners. The commissioners have also refused to pay for the maintenance of prisoners committed to the county jail by borough officials. As a result train jumpers, vagrants and all charged with drunkenness and disorderly conduct have been turned away by the jailers.

The commissioners are said to have learned that the county has been paying annually large sums for which the boroughs should have been responsible. The maximum rate of 25 cents a day has been charged by the various sheriffs. An Act of Assembly provides that the charges be fixed by the courts. The courts will fix the charges at an early date, but in the meantime many arrested for intoxication are escaping imprisonment, the borough officials being unwilling to sentence them to long terms in the borough jails.

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Midshipman Lynch Writes of Messina. GREENSBURG, Jan. 27.—Charles Lynch, son of Thomas Lynch, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, has written an interesting letter to his parents, descriptive of the earthquake horror at Messina. Young Mr. Lynch is a midshipman on board the flagship Connecticut with Admiral Sperry's fleet. The letter was written on board the Connecticut, enroute from Messina Naples, January 10, and gives a graphic picture of the scenes of desolation in the stricken city.

TRESCA LAMENTS IGNORANCE OF LAW.

Thought Everything Went in Publishing a Newspaper in America.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 30.—"America free. You can publish anything here," said friends of Editor Carlo Tresca when he came to this country. Now in the county jail with a new superintendent, J. T. Knod, the operators, menmen and other employees assembled at his home on Snyder street during his absence. On his return home shortly after 8 o'clock Mr. Berg was given one of the greatest surprises of his life when he was greeted and surrounded by his many friends who esteem him so highly. The editor was perfectly appointed in every detail, and was arranged by the employers for Mrs. Berg.

Mr. Berg during his connection with the company won the esteem and respect of his employees and it was with the deepest regret that they learned of his resignation. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a very handsome golden oak chair with leather seat to Mr. Berg. A very appropriate presentation speech was made by C. Pierce, the wire chief. As a souvenir Mr. Berg was presented with a complete miniature telephone pole. Suspended from the cross arms were ribbons to which were attached cards bearing very appropriate verses.

The card from the men bore the following inscription: "Good Fellow." We appreciate in its truest sense the value of a friend as only a man can." The card representing the ladies employees bore the following inscription: "A Friend." "It is with the deepest regret that we give him up to his new work."

Tresca states that he has been in America for three years, two years of which he has spent as editor of La Pista, an Italian newspaper of Pittsburgh, formerly of Philadelphia. He claims for his paper a circulation of 7,000 among Italians of Pennsylvania and the east. Mr. Tresca added in jail that while he was editor of La Pista he did not always see what was prepared for publication and that he was less careful because his friends had told him that "America is free."

In addition to the attack of January 6, when Tresca was slashed with a razor, he says a second attack was attempted on last Sunday, January 21. He was walking along the streets of Pittsburgh and stopped in front of a physician's office when three strangers tried to close in on him. Other persons were nearby and he escaped harm. His assailants, he says, retreated, but he afterwards saw one of them in a coffee house and reported him to the police. Several weeks ago Tresca says the Pittsburgh police department promised him a badge for his own protection and in order that he might assist them in apprehending Black Handers. Before he received the badge, however, he was called to Uniontown for trial.

No arrangements have yet been made for taking him to the worksite where he was to be tried. Tresca says he is very grateful to Sheriff Johns and his deputies for admitting his friends and for other courtesies shown him.

Appointments By Governor.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 28.—Governor Stuart yesterday transmitted to the Senate the following appointments: Harry S. Kimmel of Somersett, to be Coroner of Somerset county, vice Clarence L. Diffools, deceased; J. L. Polkum of Diffools, to be Coroner of Clearfield county, vice J. M. Ross, deceased. The nominations were promptly confirmed.

Wants Insurance.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 29.—Attorneys E. W. Boyd and R. P. Kennedy yesterday brought suit in behalf of Jacob Rosenfeld against the Oriental Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Johnstown, Pa., to recover \$1,900 insurance upon his store building and stock at Sterling, this county, which burned December 14, last.

Denies Liability.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 29.—O. W. Kennedy yesterday filed an affidavit of defense in the suit brought against him by John G. Trimble and C. E. Miller, engineers, for \$365, representing services rendered to the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Valley railroad. Kennedy denies he assumed personal liability.

Company D Left Out. Company I, Greensburg, and Company K, Waynesburg, have been chosen to represent the Tenth Regiment at Washington on March 4, for the inauguration of President Taft. It was the desire of the boys of Company I to go but the selection was based on the showing made at the Gettysburg encampment, and the local boys will stay at home.

SURPRISE FORMER SUPERINTENDENT.

B. L. Berg Called Upon By Thirty Telephone Girls.

WAS GIVEN A FINE OAK CHAIR.

Miniature Telephone Pole Was a Feature of the Gathering Which Had Been Arranged for the Former Tri-State Telephone Man.

B. L. Berg, superintendent of the Connellsville division of the Tri-State Telephone Company up until recently, was given a chair by his joyous surprise Thursday when about thirty employees of the company, including the new superintendent, J. T. Knod, the operators, menmen and other employees assembled at his home on Snyder street during his absence. On his return home shortly after 8 o'clock Mr. Berg was given one of the greatest surprises of his life when he was greeted and surrounded by his many friends who esteem him so highly. The editor was perfectly appointed in every detail, and was arranged by the employers for Mrs. Berg.

Mr. Berg during his connection with the company won the esteem and respect of his employees and it was with the deepest regret that they learned of his resignation. A feature of the evening was the presentation of a very handsome golden oak chair with leather seat to Mr. Berg. A very appropriate presentation speech was made by C. Pierce, the wire chief. As a souvenir Mr. Berg was presented with a complete miniature telephone pole. Suspended from the cross arms were ribbons to which were attached cards bearing very appropriate verses.

The card from the men bore the following inscription: "Good Fellow." We appreciate in its truest sense the value of a friend as only a man can." The card representing the ladies employees bore the following inscription: "A Friend." "It is with the deepest regret that we give him up to his new work."

Mr. Berg responded with a very short address in which he thanked his friends for their generous gift and their appreciation of his friendship. The remainder of the evening was spent in "500" and euchre and music until a late hour when a boisterous roast was served by Mrs. Berg. Miss Margaret Jean Berg, a daughter of the host and hostess rendered very beautifully a number of piano solos. Both Mr. and Mrs. Berg proved themselves to be very able and hospitable entertainers.

Those present from the surrounding exchanges were Misses Sara and Julia Malone of Dunbar, Miss Richie, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Margaret East of Scottdale, Miss Hopkins of Perryopolis, Miss Christine Gruegler and Helen Flanniken of Dawson.

MILLIONS OF FISH FOR THIS SECTION.

Congressman Cooper Introduces Bill For Fish Culture Station on the Yough.

Congressman Allen F. Cooper returned to his home in Uniontown Friday from Washington, where he yesterday introduced a bill in Congress of great importance to the sportsmen of Fayette county. The bill provides for the appropriation of \$25,000 for a fish culture station at place in Pennsylvania to be designated by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Congressman Cooper stated that he hoped to have the station located in this district, and favors a point on the headwaters of the Youghiogheny river. Mr. Cooper visited Fish Commissioner Bowers of Martinsburg, W. Va., yesterday and had a long talk with him relative to the station, and while Mr. Bowers was favorably impressed with the location of the station no positive assurance was given that it would be located on the Yough. Mr. Bowers made a trip along the Yough river when it was at its lowest stage and made a recent trip along it. He was favorably impressed with the showing made.

One thing that the Commissioner promised Mr. Cooper was that he should have all the trout needed to stock the small streams, which were almost depleted by the drought and frost. He also promised him a car load of bats. These will be of the big mouth variety. The big mouth bats are not gamey as the small mouth bat are excellent specimens of the gamey tribe. It is almost impossible to propigate the small mouth bass at the hatching stations while it is quite easy to secure a supply of the former kind.

Denies Liability. UNIONTOWN, Jan. 29.—Attorneys E. W. Boyd and R. P. Kennedy yesterday filed an affidavit of defense in the suit brought against him by John G. Trimble and C. E. Miller, engineers, for \$365, representing services rendered to the Pittsburgh & Allegheny Valley railroad. Kennedy denies he assumed personal liability.

Subscribe for the Weekly Courier,

WELL REPRESENTED ON THE MARCH JURY.

Many Connellsville Men Have Been Drawn to Serve at Next Term.

SIX FROM ONE COMPANY.

Heavy Draft Made on the West Penn Company for Jurymen, Six Officials and Jurors Having Been Drawn From the Jury Wheel.

The West Penn Railways Company will contribute its share of jurors to the March term of court, according to the announcement of the list made Saturday. Six officials and employees of the company are scheduled for service.

The West Penn will be represented on the Grand Jury by Claim Agent T. B. Donnelly. The other jurors selected are Superintendent of Transportation J. W. Brown, Receiver C. W. Brooks, Conductor Robert Bryson, Mailman H. J. Fazenhauer and Lineman Frank Buttermer.

Other Connellsville jurors for the term are Robert Connell, plumber; George C. Clegg, carpenter; John J. Snyder, carpenter; George W. Showman, plumber; J. H. Stimmel, printer; George W. Showman, plumber; A. A. Wetherill, gentleman; William E. Baumhart, gentleman; Joseph C. Conner, J. M. Conner, operator; Patrick May, merchant; Owen Murphy, contractor; Eugene T. Noland, cashier; Michael J. Roland, gentleman; Wade Meekins, Antonius Butcher, operator; James C. Campbell, carpenter; James C. Campbell, merchant; Walter Hay, carpenter; Ralph Morton, clerk; William Storey, upholsterer.

In announcing the dividend last night the officers declared that during the 11 years existence of the Association an average of 3 per cent. in dividends had been declared. It was considered reasonable that the Association make such a fine record during the year 1908, which was considered a very dull year. The Association has declared a dividend as high as 10% per cent. during its existence. At the present time there are 150 stockholders 31 of which participate in the dividends the same as the investment stockholders. The Association is a purely co-operative body having for its principal object the operation of homes and the investment upon properties. During the past three years there has been paid back to the investment stockholders a total of \$60,000, and at the present time the Association has loaned upon promissory the sum of \$71,000. At the present time there are many applicants for loans from the Association but the investment stockholders are not sufficient to make the loans applied for.

JURORS DRAWN.

Two from Connellsville Are Selected on the Grand Jury.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 30.—Jurors for the March term of court have been selected. The Grand Jurors are given below. Only two are from Connellsville, T. B. Donnelly and John Dean Armstrong, William, carpenter, Perry township No. 1.

Conn. Charles, farmer, Springfield township No. 1.

Donnelly, Thomas B., agent, Connellsville borough, Third ward.

Leppert, Walter L., farmer, Lawrence township.

Dean, John, manufacturer, Connellsville borough, First ward.

Flock, Samuel E., gentleman, Uniontown borough, Second ward.

John, John, manager, Masontown borough.

Hagan, Harry, engineer, Uniontown borough, Second ward.

Howard, Thomas L., manufacturer, Uniontown borough, Third ward.

John, John, manufacturer, Uniontown borough, First ward.

Kirchner, John M., farm hand, Fairchance borough.

Marshbanks, Christ, miner, Fayette City borough.

Noon, John, yard boss, Redstone township No. 2.

Patterson, T. B., operator, Uniontown borough, Third ward.

Richard, John E., proprietor, Uniontown borough.

Rush, Charles F., farmer, Wharton township No. 2.

Estelle, George M., druggist, South Bethlehem, Bethlehem.

Sherman, Alexander, Turner, Dunbar township No. 2.

Schlinger, Julius, mine foreman, Upper Tyrone township No. 2.

Short, John, engineer, DuBois borough, Fourth ward.

Smith, Peter F., physician, Uniontown borough, Fourth ward.

Stuckel, William S., merchant, Perry township No. 1.

Vernon, Pierce F., farmer, Luzerne township No. 6.

Willard, John W., teacher, German township No. 6.

SLACK COAL ON FIRE.

Local Men Find That Fire at Their Bank Is Not Serious.

The fire in the coal bank on the property owned by E. C. Higgins, B. F. Sterling and S. E. Frock near Scottdale was found upon investigation Friday to have been limited to the pile of slack and cinders beyond the mouth of the pipe and it is not hot.

The blaze will reach the coal within the opening.

Mrs. Martin is a traveling saleslady. She sells millinery creations and travels out of New York. Upon applying to Chief Rottler, that official immediately assured her that Martin might be in this vicinity. Thursday night he was traced to Vanderlip and was expected to return that evening to Connellsville. He failed to come and yesterday Chief Rottler went to Uniontown in search of him. He was accompanied by Mrs. Martin. Returning to Connellsville, they passed Martin at Mt. Braddock, he being headed for Uniontown.

The pugilist was picked up in the County Seal Friday afternoon by County Detective Frank McLaughlin and brought to Connellsville. The papers were served and that ended the matter.

After having the papers served, which are returnable to the Warren county courts in March, Mrs. Martin left for the East.

Didn't Spend a Cent.

R. H. Meloy, defeated candidate for Burgess nomination on the Republican ticket in East Washington, filed his expense account yesterday. He departed a little from the usual form yesterday against Harry Ritter, alleging desertion. The couple lived in Vanderlip, where they were married April 27, 1899.

Wants Divorce.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 29.—Laura Mae Ritterour, brought a divorce action yesterday against Harry Ritter, alleging desertion. The couple lived in Vanderlip, where they were married April 27, 1899.

Letters Granted.

Lets of administration upon the estate of Jane A. Watson late of Franklin township, were granted by the Register yesterday

FLENNIKEN ON RUNAWAY KIDE.

Runaway Cars Speed Down Grade for Three Long Miles.

BRAKES DID NOT GRIP WHEELS:

After Headlong Dash, Around Steep Curves, Swaying Cars Finally Come To Stop, When Level Stretch Is Reached.

MT. PLEASANT. Feb. 2.—Byers Flecken, a brakeman employed on the B. & O., and a railroadman of years' experience, had probably the closest call to death Saturday afternoon of his whole career, when he was compelled to ride three loaded coke cars down a steep grade, at a speed in the neighborhood of 60 miles an hour. In spite of the fact that the wildly careening cars passed a very sharp curve at a terrific speed they did not upset, and were finally brought to a safe stop about three miles from the starting point. In addition to the momentary danger of an upset the additional horror of seeing a man and woman ground to pieces was almost thrust upon him. A cry from a passenger saved the lives of the trespassers who were in the way of the dead-end, and that scene was averted.

The local B. & O. crew, in charge of Conductor Michael Cadden, were on the Duncan branch to take three cars of Brush Run coke to the main line for transportation to Connellsburg. A short siding makes it necessary to shift the cars towards the steep grade a mile in length, which adjoins the main line at a point near Mullins' station. Flecken was at the brake of the first of the three cars shifted. Although a railroadman of twelve years' experience he applied the brakes a trifle tardy, owing perhaps, to the severe cold. He is now to the run, and to his horror he saw the steep grade confronting him, while the snow and ice made it impossible for the brakes on that car to be applied effectively. The three heavy cars had by this time passed over the brow of the declivity, and were gaining momentum each second.

Flecken crawled inch by inch over the groaning shrieking cars, turning into monsters of fury, finally reaching the second car. He applied the brake, but his efforts were vain. The pressure was insufficient to even check to any appreciable extent the onrush of the heavy cars. Unable to reach the brake on the third car Flecken reached the stirrup in car No. 2, where he crouched and breathed a prayer to his Maker.

The curve was reached and in spite of the fact that the whirling wheels lifted clear off the track on one side the cars resumed their balance and again clattered off space at a whirlwind rate. Glancing at the tracks Flecken saw a man and a woman walking between the rails. His voice husky with fear, he yelled. The wind carried the sound back, and the parties kept on heading. When about to close his eyes to shut off the awful scene that must ensue he saw a man far in front wave his hands, and the couple stepped from the rails just as the runaway cars bore down upon them. Within a couple of miles Flecken succeeded in stopping the cars on the level. The engine and the crew arrived a short time later and found the brakeman speechless, and white as chalk. He was badly frightened, but uninjured. Train men regard it as miraculous that the cars kept on the tracks while rounding the sharp curve at the bottom of the grade.

RAILROADER FATALY INJURED AT SUMMIT.

Henry Baughman Expires Shortly After Being Brought to the Hospital.

Henry Baughman, aged 20, was fatally injured at Summit, near Sand Patch tunnel, Sunday afternoon. While breaking of a Baltimore and Ohio freight train he fell between the cars and was run over. He died soon after being brought to the Cottage State Hospital here.

His left arm and right leg were ground off and he was otherwise injured. Levi Baughman, his father, accompanied him on No. 15 to the hospital that evening.

Baughman was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Baughman of Sand Patch.

POSTING THE NOTICES.

Announcing The Proposed Consolidation Question Vote.

Constables on Tuesday posted notices that the consolidation of Connellsburg and New Haven will be voted at the coming election on February 16. These notices are being posted in both towns.

The County Commissioners have been notified to have the consolidation question placed on the official ballot for the two towns.

Assessor Named.

The County Commissioners Saturday appointed A. C. McCune as Assessor for Dawson borough to succeed his son, William McCune, who was removed from the borough.

M. O. LEIGHTON TO DELIVER ADDRESS HERE.

It was announced last Wednesday that the chief speaker at the annual banquet of the Merchants' Association next month will be M. O. Leighton, Chief Hydrographer of the United States Geological Survey.

Mr. Leighton was in Connellsburg to attend the Yough river improvement hearing in November and made a good impression upon those who heard his brief remarks to the Board of Engineers. He is principally interested in the conservation of our natural resources, especially with a view of preserving the water supply of the country, and this is a topic in which the residents of the Yough valley are vitally interested.

The banquet will be held on Lincoln's Birthday but the hall has not

as yet been selected. The committees are working quietly on the preparation but will have nothing of great importance to give out for sometime.

It is said that the feast will be the occasion for awakening more interest in the conservation of the natural resources of this section and improvement of the Youghiogheny, matters which have not been talked of to any great extent since the hearing here some months ago.

President Wallace will announce further committees within the next day or two who will work on details of the banquet. Efforts will be made to surpass all previous efforts along this line. An elegy of Abraham Lincoln is expected to be one of the most pleasant features of the evening.

ROB SCHOOL HOUSE AGAIN.

Thieves broke into the Popular Run school house near Normalville Sunday night and stole four volumes of the schools encyclopedia, school books, pens, pencils, and other school supplies to a value of \$100. This is a yearly occurrence for this place and the directors are determined to have it stopped, they have employed a detective to run the guilty parties down. When the teacher came to open school Monday morning she found the house in a much worse condition. The mounds are full of gypsum caused by his advertising for a wife.

Many of the applicants it is said have sent their photographs with their letters and there are some who are quite well known. The mounds are full of gypsum caused by his advertising for a wife.

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Chief of Police Rottler does not believe the "Kohler system" could be worked in Connellsburg. This was ascertained in an interview with the boss of Connellsburg's "finest" today.

In Cleveland the system has worked fine and it has not with the approval of Police Commissioner Theodore A. Birmingham of New York.

Now Chief Rottler does not mean to imply that these gentlemen are wrong. He merely expresses the view that what might work in Cleveland or New York wouldn't go in Connellsburg.

"Why," explained the Chief, "if the policemen here had to escort all the drunks home, they wouldn't have time to take care of half of them. With a hundred force of 25 men it would keep them all busy getting the intoxicated victims to their homes and then they would have to miss one or two. This, of course, doesn't apply to the drunks in the town.

But the Chief admitted that the Kohler system was being worked, to some extent, in Connellsburg.

Those slightly intoxicated are given a chance to go home. As a general thing it is only those unable to navigate who wind up in the police station. Chief Rottler has a big heart and has instilled a feeling of brotherly love into the hearts of his fellow officers. For that reason the man who finally faces Burgess Solisson the morning after can rest assured that he did something to warrant his arrest.

Those who watch the doings in police court find that in nine cases out of ten, every man discharged by the Burgess has committed the offense for which he was arrested and owes his liberty to the generosity of the magistrate.

JURY AWARDS MISS CRUSER NEARLY \$4,000.

Damage Suit On Trial Three Days is Decided By Jury in Three Hours.

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 1.—Although it took three days to try the damage suit of Jessie Cruser against Point Marion Borough, the jury reached a verdict in less than three hours and awarded the plaintiff \$3,681 as compensation for the injuries resulting from falling over an exposed gas pipe in April, 1907.

Miss Cruser, at the time of the accident, was housekeeper for Thomas C. Phalin, husband of the plaintiff's dead sister. The family has since moved to Connellsburg where Mr. Phalin is an officer on the Baltimore & Ohio police force.

It is said the citizens of Point Marion are aroused over the verdict and will fight the case before paying the judgment. Phalin was at the time of the accident to his sister-in-law a police officer at Point Marion.

DR. COLBORN INJURED.

Fell on Fayette Street Hill and Broke His Wrist.

Dr. A. J. Colborn is nursing a broken wrist as the consequence of a bad fall on Fayette street hill Saturday afternoon. While coming from the hospital Dr. Colborn fell, breaking two bones in his wrist. The injury caused much pain.

While not realizing the seriousness of the accident at the time, Dr. Colborn suffered considerable pain an hour or so later when the wrist began to swell. The injury was dressed by Dr. M. B. Shupe.

Count Vote Over. Because an election officer is alleged to have been intoxicated, the Fairchance primary vote will be recounted.

State Cons at Fairchance. Three State Constables are at Fairchance investigating the recent incendiary fires in that town.

PAST JANUARY WAS A WARM MONTH.

Official Compilation And Comparison By C. A. Purbaugh For The Past Four Years.

C. A. Purbaugh, superintendent of the West Penn's weather bureau, has compiled the average temperature for January during the four years. The month just closed was 7.5 per cent. warmer than the corresponding month of 1908, but the January of 1908 was the warmest member of the quartette the average being 42.1 degrees.

The average temperature for January of each year was as follows: 1906, 42.1; 1907, 38.1; 1908, 32.7; 1909, 34.5. By this record it is seen that both in 1906 and 1907 the month was warmer than either in 1905 or 1909 and this in view of the fact that the past month was considered exceptionally mild.

The temperature this morning was eight degrees above that of yesterday, 22 degrees being the record. Last night it was 20 degrees above zero.

Auditors Give Jobs.

S. A. Foundations has been appointed by the County Auditors as clerk to examine the Sheriff's accounts in the Prothonotary's office. Miss Elizabeth Sterling was named stenographer of the Board.

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HARRY SMURR BUYS THE VICTORIA.

New Haven Magistrate Will Become Proprietor of Old Hostelry.

PAYS \$25,000 FOR PROPERTY.

Petition For a Hotel License Being Circulated Today and House That Has Been Closed For Several Months Will Be Opened.

After having been closed for several months it is probable that the Victoria Hotel of New Haven will shortly be opened with Harry Smurr of New Haven as its new proprietor. Mr. Smurr has closed a deal with Charles Duggan of Pittsburgh whereby he takes over the property and furnishings of the hotel for \$25,000.

The deal has been pending for something but was not closed up until Saturday when all matters in connection with it were completed. This morning a petition for a liquor license was circulated about town and will be presented to the court at the regular term.

The hotel was conducted for several years by Bernard O'Connor but owing to financial difficulties he was forced to close it some months ago, since which time it has remained closed to the public.

Mr. Smurr has been a magistrate in New Haven for the past three years and is a prominent and well liked citizen. It is believed that the court will transfer the license to him, and should this be done, he contemplates making many improvements to the interior of the hotel. It is one of the oldest and best known hosteries of this section. Mr. Smurr proposes to make the hotel a modern one with reasonable rates for travelers. He believes that he will be able to attract many who do not desire to pay the higher rate to his hotel and will secure much patronage from travelers who spend a week or ten days in the town.

SOCIETY PERFORMS REMARKABLE WORK.

Organized to Stamp Out Tuberculosis The Workers Perform an Excellent Showing.

Gratifying evidence of the good which can be accomplished by a young anti-tuberculosis society, supported by the encouragement of right-minded and enlightened citizens, is given in the short history of the Wyoming Valley Society for the Prevention and Treatment of Tuberculosis.

Brief though its life has been, the society has, during its two years of existence, performed an amount of preventive and educational work that is nothing short of astonishing in view of the humble beginnings.

Actuated by the assertion that one patient under treatment is worth more than a full treasury and that financial support would be forthcoming as soon as the merits of the foundation were recognized, the society chartered its formal organization in the summer of 1906 by the opening of a dispensary. The doors of the dispensary were thrown open to the poor consumers of the valley on January 12 of that year, just one week after the organization of the society.

To this prompt action in beginning to treat patients without waiting to collect funds, Dr. Charles H. Miner, Secretary of the society and one of its leading spirits from the beginning, attributes its success in arousing interest and enthusiasm in the movement throughout the valley. Not only victims of the disease, but also their relatives and friends and employers, as well as many who were drawn to the crusade by love for their fellow men, soon began to manifest an interest in the activities of the dispensary.

During the first year of its work, 223 cases were treated, making a total of 963 visits at the dispensary. To those unable to buy necessary articles of nourishment, 11,728 quarts of milk and many eggs were distributed. Then came the task of relieving the society which relieved the society of the burden of maintaining it financially. Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, became so impressed with the order and system of the dispensary that he made it Dispensary No. 1 of the State Dispensaries and ordered it to be used as a model for the chain of dispensaries to be established throughout the State.

Thus relieved of an item of heavy expense, the society forwarded its work along other lines, mainly the home treatment of poor sufferers. In this the society was ably aided by Miss Mary Cornell, a graduate of the Phillips Institute Training School for Nurses of Philadelphia, as visiting nurse of the society, she was kept busy visiting the homes of all tuberculosis cases, inspecting the houses, teaching the patients to make the best use of what they had and reporting urgent cases to one of the society's physicians. From the organization of the society until last May the visiting nurse made 1,070 visits, thus averaging 20 visits a week.

Still another feature of the society's work has been the sending of

serious cases to various sanatoria. Since its establishment the society has sent 102 patients to the White Haven Sanatorium, 7 patients to the West Mountain Sanatorium, 16 to Phipps Institute and 16 to the Retreat.

Supplies distributed by the society include paper handkerchiefs, paper bags, spum caps and filters, blankets, coats, steamer cases, porches, tents and porch awnings.

With a right good will the newspapers of the section have helped in the movement and they share in the pride of the people that the Wyoming Valley is being recognized as one of the most active and advanced centers for carrying on the crusade against tuberculosis.

Largely because of the splendid work of the society has not wanted for financial assistance. Many of the charitable people of the section have become actively identified with the movement and the citizens in general have been liberal in their responses to appeals. For this wonderful achievement in a short time credit is due to all the members of the society, but more especially to Major Irving A. Stevens, President, Dr. C. H. Miner, Secretary, W. H. Conyngham, Treasurer, and the Board of Directors.

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JAS. B. STADER, Teller.

CONRAD GUTTEROD, Bookkeeper.

RUTH ARTMAN, Stenographer.

CHARGES AGAINST JAILORS NOT SUSTAINED BY JUSTICE.

J. P. Donaldson Dismisses Information Against Cunningham and Hough After Long Hearing.

BERTHA PRICE IS PROSECUTED.

But Testimony Given in Her Behalf Did Not Appeal to Justice and He Turned Prisoners Loose—Jail Investigation to Go On.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 29.—In a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. P. Donaldson at Hopwood which lasted four hours last night and was attended by a crowd which took up every available inch of floor space in County Jail and Charles Hough, implicated with him in the charges preferred by Bertha Price, were discharged from custody.

Cunningham faced charges of furnishing liquor to minors in the jail, while Hough, faced the same charge, in addition to more serious offenses, one of which was the paternity of Bertha Price's child.

Hattie and Emma Gordor, who were in jail at the same time as the Price woman, were the principal witnesses for the prosecution. These two girls, it is said, signed three sets of affidavits. All three were conflicting, according to the testimony.

The principal testimony developed at the hearing, which was frequently interrupted, once by a dog fight and a second time when Officer C. W. Pepe was chasing some small boys out of the room without apparently diminishing the size of the crowd, was that Bertha Price's condition was due to indiscretions previous to her admission to the jail.

Dr. S. H. Baum testified to having examined the Price woman and also told of a throat gargle being used in the jail which bore a resemblance to whiskey but was composed of chloride of potash, chlorides of iron and water. A great mass of testimony was taken on both sides, much of which had but little bearing on the real case at issue. Attorney D. W. Henderson conducted the prosecution and stated that he men held for court. Attorneys D. M. Hertzog and W. C. McKeon represented the defendants while Lee Smith appeared in the interest of Sheriff Johns.

There was a warm argument over the affidavits of the Goran girl. Their first affidavit was that liquor had been furnished the women prisoners by Cunningham and Hough. Then the girls were taken to Sheriff John's office and swore the other way. A third affidavit denied the truth of their affidavit made before the Sheriff.

When asked if they were offered anything for furnishing information and Johns with an affidavit, they said they were promised an automobile ride.

The night after they made the affidavit, the girls testified that they were in Uniontown and saw "them," not mentioning any names, come by in an automobile. They were then taken back home in the machine.

The outcome of the hearing before Sheriff Donaldson will not interfere with the investigation the court will make into the charges against the management of the jail. This will be prosecuted with vigor and Attorneys Henderson and McDonald are already working on the matter.

WHO FILLED THE SOMERSET COUNTY JAIL.

Sheriff Begley Entertained a Varied Class of Prisoners During His Term.

During Sheriff W. C. Begley's term in Somerset county there were 250 menders and 182 day laborers committed to jail. Ten were without any occupation. The other avocations of the犯人 are as follows: Railroaders, 7; stone masons, 7; carpenters, 6; blacksmiths, 6; painters, 4; bricklayers, 4; barbers, 4; plasterers, 3; housekeepers, 3; machinists, 3; farmers, 3; blacksmiths, 3; coal dealers, 2; menders, 2; tailors, 2; jewelers, 2; nurses, 2; boiler makers, 2; and one each of the following: iron worker, manager, clerk, bartender, steam fitter, sheet roller, firemen, physician, hotel keeper, plumber, boarding house keeper and watchmaker.

Bloodhounds and Auto. The several murders and frequent robberies that have been committed in Somerset county, without the authorities being able to apprehend the culprits, has prompted a private citizen to take steps on his own account.

B. F. Hinemeyer of Shanksville, last week purchased a pair of thoroughbred blood hounds from the Mount Penn Kennels, which he will rain in once. Mr. Hinemeyer also purchased a Maxwell automobile. With this combination he will tender his services to the county. With bloodhounds and an automobile thieves will henceforth be tracked on short notice.

Owes Somebody.

In the suit of Samuel S. Snyder against John B. Housler, Attorney A. E. Jones filed an affidavit of defense in Housler's behalf. Housler denies that he owes Snyder \$31.55 for threshing, but states that he hired Samuel Mull to do the work and that he owes Mull the sum of \$25.48, for which he is willing to confess judgment to the man to whom the money is due.

STRIKERS RESTRAINED IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

Quemahoning Company Has Nearly 400 Men Out at Its Various Mines on Monday.

SOMERSET, Pa., Jan. 27.—Yesterday six foreigners were placed in the local jail charged by D. B. Zimmerman, President of the Quemahoning Coal Company, with instigating workmen and inciting riots. These foreigners are Mon Lewis an Austrian miner, single, aged 30; Frank Miller, Austrian, miner, single, aged 24; Matt Pfloger, Austrian, miner, married, aged 25; Lewis Kroner, Austrian miner, widowed, aged 30; John Motter, Hungarian, miner, single, aged 26; Steve Yanchan, Hungarian, miner, single, aged 22.

There was a determined strike on Monday of about 400 miners employed at the Ralphon mines. The men wanted an increase of five cents on the ton of coal mined. The company pays 55 cents per ton and the men wanted 60 cents. These men, it is alleged, instigated the men to strike and in speeches told the miners that the sure way to get what they wanted was to burn down the company's buildings and commit all manner of depredations.

A systematic effort to organize coal miners seems to be on foot in Somerset county. At Ralphon, Windber, Jenner No. 2, Meyersdale and other mining centers there have been meetings held and various demonstrations.

It is believed that the arrest of the six foreigners named above will check the progress of the organizers. It is stated that officers are looking for several men who are agents for various labor organizations.

TWO WILLS PROBATED IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

Estate of Rosie A. Mosholder and Bernard Wolfsohn are Distributed Among Relatives.

OMERSET, Pa., Jan. 28.—The following wills have been recently admitted to probate in the office of Register Bert F. Landis:

Rosie A. Mosholder, late of Berlin, bequeathed to her husband, Jonathan Mosholder, all her property in Berlin for life and at her death directed that it be sold and the proceeds divided among all her children. Charles W. Williams, A. Theodore A., Agnes J., John K., and James B. Mosholder, Ed. B. Rayman, Minnie M. Reed and Lillie M. Brant. The testatrix appointed Robert J. Walker, J. P., of Berlin, executor. The will is dated August 10, 1905.

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THIRD-CLASS CITIES.

Formulate Demands For Presentation to Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 29.—The committee of third-class city solicitors concluded drafts of the bills suggested for the Legislature by the recent convention of third-class cities at Altoona, at a meeting here yesterday. It was decided to ask for a State appropriation for the relief of cities and boroughs, which are required to erect sewage disposal plants or to establish new sewer systems in the interest of protection of streams.

Other bills prepared relate to plumping regulations in cities and boroughs, which have sewer systems; taxation of corporations, real estate for local purposes; enlarging rights of municipalities in franchise; public utilities and for magistrates to sit in place of mayors at hearings. The bills will shortly go before the Legislature.

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BURGLAR IS DEAD.

Young Man Who Was Shot Near Mayersdale Died Yesterday.

William Anderson or William Phillips, who was shot by a burglar trap the morning of January 1, while attempting to rob the store of Miller & Taylor, near Meyersdale, Somerset county, died yesterday morning in the Memorial hospital at Johnstown. He has no known relatives and the body will be buried at the expense of the Somersett county poor authorities.

While attempting to open the cash drawer the young man was shot by a concealed gun connected to the mechanism of the money box. His side was filled with a heavy load of shot. No attention was given to the noise because of New Year's shooting and Anderson escaped, but later voluntarily surrendered in order to secure medical attention.

The autopsy yesterday afternoon performed by Dr. H. J. Carlton showed the liver had been punctured in four places.

SUIT AGAINST ROAD NON-SUITED.

West Penn Not Negligent, and Court Denies Rose Dunstan's Claim.

POINT MARION SUIT STILL ON.

Defense Attempts to Prove Plaintiffs Present Condition Is Not Due to Her Fall—Distribution of Parkhill Estate Made.

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 28.—A compulsory non-suit was granted the defendant by Judge Van Swearingen this morning in the suit of Rose Dunstan of Connellsville against the West Penn Railways Company. This was an action growing out of the trolley accident in New Haven about two years ago. The non-suit was allowed on the ground that no negligence was shown on the part of the company.

The damage suit of Miss Rosalie Crouse against Point Marion borough is still on. The defense opened at 10:30 this morning and presents the contention that the girl's condition at this time is due to causes other than her fall over an exposed gas pipe in the borough. Dr. F. B. Evans testified that he made a superficial examination of the girl's condition following the accident but on cross-examination admitted that she might have been ill otherwise, without him detecting the fact.

The suits of Catherine Mickey and Adeline Provance, who were injured at the same time Miss Dunstan is scheduled to come up at this time.

The road supervisors of Upper Tyrone township have entered suit against Frank Edwards to recover \$573.50 for the use of a stone crusher which he rented and never, it is alleged, paid for.

Louis Festherman and Joseph Stenberg of Connellsville have entered an action in replevin against Harry Harter, Ed Harper and Sadie Hunt to recover household goods valued at \$200.

An order of distribution was made in Orphans' Court in the estate of Elizabeth A. Parkhill. Sarah Phillips, Anna Rankin, John, James and Smith Parkhill get \$375 each, while Robert Parkhill is given \$355.

SNYDERTOWN COUPLE
MARRIED 50 YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Martin Celebrate Happy Event with a Large Number Present.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Martin of Snydertown Tuesday celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. There was but a quiet observance of it this morning by the friends of such child shall be invested by the executors and held in trust for the children of such heir. John, Henry and Francis A. Wolfsohn, sons of the decedent, were appointed executors. The will is dated August 10, 1905.

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CHILDREN MEET DEATH IN FLAMES.

Four Are Cremated in Early Morning Blaze on Bryson Hill, Dunbar.

TWO DWELLINGS DESTROYED.

When Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall Discover Flames Rescue of Children Was Impossible—Loss is \$5,000. Partly Covered by Insurance.

Four children were burned to death and two dwellings destroyed as the consequence of an early morning blaze on Bryson Hill, Dunbar, which entailed a loss of \$5,000, partially covered by insurance. The victims of the flames were the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall. The Kendall home and that of Mrs. Samuel Meyer were totally destroyed. The dead:

Pearl Kendall, aged 11.

Anna Kendall, aged 7.

Infant child, aged 2.

The fire started in the Kendall home, supposedly from a gas heater which had been left burning down stairs. When Mr. and Mrs. Kendall were awakened the blaze had made great headway and was already beyond control. The room in which the children were sleeping was not accessible through the fire and smoke.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kendall were forced to leap for safety from an upstairs window, the latter being seriously bruised and cut in the attempt. She is also prostrated as a result of the calamity.

Upon reaching the ground in safety the father ran for a ladder which he placed at the window and essayed to rescue the children. Facing the fierce flames which singed his face and body, Kendall mounted the ladder. He was driven back by a gust of fire and smoke, which for an instant enveloped him. Finding his position untenable he was compelled to give up all hope of rescuing the children.

By this time a large number of neighbors had arrived on the scene but there was nothing for them to do save remove the furniture from the Meyer home, which by this time had caught fire.

There was a shout when bystanders saw Pearl Kendall, the oldest child, appear at the window of her room, enveloped in a halo of fire. Her father shouted for her to leap for safety but she turned back into the room, apparently with a view to saving the other doomed children. She was never seen again alive.

It was five o'clock Wednesday before the flames were fully subdued.

The Kendalls lost everything but

Mrs. Meyer was able to save some of her furniture. The charred bodies of the four children were found in the ruins of the Kendall home and later removed to Foltz's undertaking establishment.

DUNBAR, Jan. 29.—The last sad rites over the remains of the four unfortunate children of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Kendall, who lost their lives in the fire which destroyed their home early Wednesday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal Church. The services being conducted by Rev. L. N. Humes, pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. C. C. Miller, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. D. E. Miller, of the Methodist Protestant Church. Rev. Francis W. Perkins, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church, sang two beautiful solos by request of the family, entitled "Face to Face," and "A Little Sunbeam," while the choir rendered "Abide With Me" and "Come Unto Me and I Will Give You Rest." The services were very impressive and not a dry eye was seen in the large congregation which filled the auditorium and Sunday school room of the church.

The white casket which contained all that was left of the four little children was completely covered with flowers. The public schools sent two handsome bouquets of carnations, one from the brick building and one from the frame, while the employees of the United Fire Brick Company where the father is employed sent a beautiful set piece. "Guru Arjan," while other bouquets were sent by their numerous friends.

The pallbearers were Elmer and Nelson Foltz, Bennett Tarr and James Smith. The public schools were dismissed at 2:30 and the children from both buildings attended the funeral in a body. Interment was made in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

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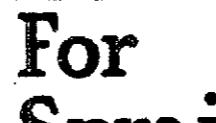
Allegheny Valley Association Holds Annual Meeting and Elects Officers.

The annual meeting and banquet of the Allegheny Valley Coal Operators' Association was held at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, Pittsburgh, Thursday. Several addresses were made in which the subject of the unequal rates for coal shipments between West Virginia fields and the Great Lakes and Pittsburgh fields and the Great Lakes was discussed. Strong opposition to the rates now in effect developed.

The consideration of rates at last night's meeting is a preliminary step to action to be taken when the operators meet in this city on February 2.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Z. U. C. P. McCaffrey, of East Brady, President; E. Henry, of East Brady, Secretary-Treasurer; J. H. Palmer of Kittanning; J. W. Gano of Philmont, and Harry Burke, of Greensburg, were elected as members of the executive committee.

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WASHINGTON D C Jun 29—Millions of tons of coal may be saved to the country through the investigations of the Technologic Branch of the United States Geological Survey in the briquetting of coal. For several years this branch of the government has been conducting a series of experiments in the hope of stopping the tremendous waste in the use of fuels, and one of these was the making of briquets out of slack or waste coal. This fine coal which has not nearly the value of the lump coal because of the difficulty in burning it is mixed with 5 or 6 per cent of water gas and pressed into cakes or briquets by powerful machinery.

Several hundred tons of these briquets were made at the fuel testing plant at St Louis Mo and later at Norfolk Va. This prepared fuel was used in a number of tests by the Pennsylvania, the Missouri Pacific the Lake Shore the Michigan Central the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific the Chicago Burlington and Quincy the Chicago and Eastern Illinois the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Atlantic Coast Line railroads and in every instance the briquets furnished more power with less weight of fuel than the run-of-mine coal from the same mines. They further showed less smoke than the coal and indicated that their proper use at terminals might co ana with a large part of the smoke nuisance from the railroads in the big cities of the country.

In co-operation with the Navy Department a series of tests were made on the torpedo boat Biddle off Hampton Roads and the briquets weight for weight with the coal succeeded in generating much more power but there was very little difference in the amount of smoke.

To the Navy these tests are of the greatest importance. The fact that the briquets give more power than the coal mean that a vessel carrying 2000 tons of briquets will be capable of steaming a farther distance than one with 2000 tons of raw coal. In time of war this would be very desirable especially if the fleet were in foreign waters far from coaling stations.

To the railroads the briquets will undoubtably prove a valuable fuel because of the hotter fire they make and the lessening of the smoke. In a number of the road tests the engines using briquettes carried heavy trains much faster than with the coal. They showed their ability in a number of instances in making up lost time which would have been impossible with raw coal according to the statements of the men who operated the engines.

A report on the results of these tests has just been made to the Geological Survey by Prof W F M Goss consulting engineer in charge of locomotive tests. He sees many advantages to the railroads in the use of briquets. In locomotive service says Mr Goss the substitution of briquets for coal has resulted in marked increase in efficiency in an increase in boiler capacity and in a decrease in the reduction of smoke. It has been especially noted that careful firing of briquets at terminals is effective in diminishing the amount of smoke produced.

The tests as a whole indicate that many low grade coals now considered useless may make an admirable fuel and thus add to the supply of the country which is being used at a rapid rate.

SETTLERS FIND LANDS UNDERLAI WITH COAL.

Government Does Not Allow Them Agricultural and Mineral Entry Upon Them

WASHINGTON D C Jan 29—Thousands of citizens in North Dakota and Montana who entered upon agricultural land have since found the land to be underlaid with coal. The law prohibits both agricultural and mineral entry.

The settlers demand complete titles and the matter has been taken up in the House and Senate. It is believed the bill is of immense value. The section of Garfield wants the coal reserved and leased by the Government.

Niverton Off the Map
During the past six weeks the Mankameyer Brothers of Meyersdale are at work razing the town once called Niverton. There are 27 buildings the store a large apple and 100 mining carts to be torn to pieces the lumber is all being shipped to MacDonaldton where the company expect to use it again. The weather has been fine and the boys are just hustling the work along.

FIELD NEWS IN CONCISE FORM.

United States Steel Corporation earnings for the last quarter of 1908 were comparatively small. Net gains in tonnage for the corporation's mills amounted to only 180,000 tons of all kinds of finished material. Some east coast plants are reported to be as disappointing a boom having been expected before the close of the year. It would be well for us to recall the recent statement of President W C Cole of the corporation that the return to normal conditions is slow but healthily. A sudden boom would be the very reverse.

In a Cleveland market letter the Iron Trade Review quotes Connellsville furnace coke as being offered on contract as low as \$1.30 a ton. It is safe to say there has been much of this peddled around and the market is likely to take a turn to the market may be due to over-supply besides price. At such prices operators agree they had better leave their coal in the ground for a time.

The Parker Run Coal & Coke Company of Fairmont W Va has elected the following officers for the year: President J M Ashcroft, Vice President E A Billingsley, Secretary J H Marin, Treasurer J Swiger the last three of Fairmont

The Jamison Coal & Coke Company has made plans to build a new oven at Luxor on the Alexandria branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad the works to be known as plant No 1.

The South Ligonier Coal & Coke Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. The new operators are H E Miller, A H Bond, W H Lowry and George W Deeds.

The Mount Equinox Coal & Coke Company has been organized with \$100,000 capital in the State of Vermont. Coal Company against the Pennsylvanian Railroad Company alleging discrimination in the distribution of cars and otherwise. A similar suit of \$100,000 has been brought against the Pennsylvanian by John Land a coal operator.

E G Smith formerly Assistant Superintendent has been appointed General Superintendent of the Western Land Coal Company in Westmoreland County succeeding the late B I Jones having taken his place during the latter's final illness.

The Atlantic Crushed Coal & Company has issued notices to its men that after January 1st a black powder will be used in the blasting. No powder will be used in New Jersey in consequence of the recent disaster at the company's mine there. The accident exploded killing several men and a mining partner.

The Commercial Testing & Consulting Company Inc of Pittsburg has a private laboratory in Old Colony building Chicago Mr T L Clark formerly well known in the Pittsburgh area and will be succeeded by Harry W Works W D Stuckenborg and B J Mattox.

For some months past the coke ovens of the Buffalo Coal & Railroad Company has been turning out product in excess of the requirements of the company's own plant so the surplus tonnage being turned to outside markets. It is estimated that 100,000 tons of coke are being produced monthly. The company also has about half a million tons of iron mined and unmined.

The mine of the Buffalo Colliery Company of Chittenden W Va has now only one foot of coal left in its roof over the coal seam of the sandstone which is well supported with the aid of coal pillars.

ANOTHER MEETING ON RESOURCES.

Canada and Mexico Are Now Interested in the Conservation Movement.

WASHINGTON Feb 1—Arrangements for the North American Conservation Conference between representatives of the United States Canada and Mexico at the White House February 15 are going forward rapidly following the cordial acceptance by Sir Wilfrid Laurier Premier and Paul Grey Governor General of Canada and President Diaz of Mexico President Roosevelt's invitation to send delegates. The conference will discuss the situation with respect to the natural resources of the respective countries and help prepare a general plan adapted to promote the welfare of the nations concerned in accordance with President Roosevelt's suggestion.

Canada has taken active steps in preparation for the conference and recently sent to the author the Canadian Commission which shows the status of the public lands of the Dominion as well as the distribution of the principal natural resources and the development of its transportation system. The Canadian authorities have also sent a collection of government documents bearing on the natural resources of the country.

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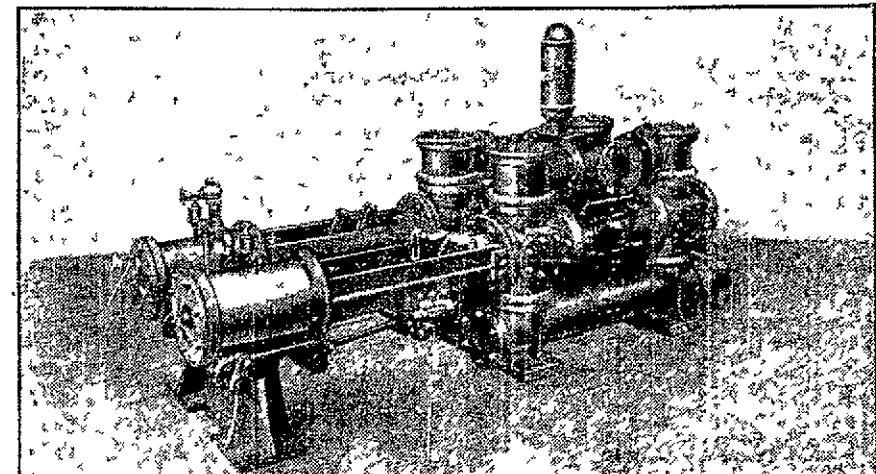
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